RESERVATION OF POSTS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

857. SMT. DAMAYANTHI BOREGOWDA (Srirangapatna).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) Whether any percentage of post are reserved by Government for the physically handicapped person.

(*b*) if so, the percentage of the posts reserved,

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same and whether there is any proposal before Government to reserve some posts for them,

(*d*) the number of handicapped persons employed during the year 1971—72?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise
(*c*) Reservation in Services in favour of physically handicapped persons is legally not permissible.

(*d*) Information is not available.

SMT. DAMAYANTHI BOREGOWDA.—When jobs could be reserved in respect of backward classes, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, may I know why is it not legally permissible to reserve a certain percentages of posts in the services to the physically handicapped persons?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The laws as they exist do not permit for reservation to these people. In the case of scheduled castes, reservation is legally permissible. Now the Government is thinking of bringing in soc al legislation to help these disabled people and also blind people.

SMT. DAMAYANTHI BOREGOWDA.—There is an employment cell in the Social Welfare Department for the physically handicapped. May I know how many have secured jobs through that cell?

SRI D DEVARAJ URS.—That is not readily available. Here and there by circular instructions and by pursuation some departments have been asked to employ. Their number may not be commensurate with the problem on hand. I do not have figures but even the functioning of the Employment Exchange in the absence of legal authority is not to my satisfaction. So I am thinking of social legislation on this subject.